



Zap Kids Club

Administering Medication Policy

If a child attending Zap Kids Club requires medication of any kind, their parent or carer must complete a **Permission to administer medicine** form in advance. Staff at the Club will not administer any medication without prior written consent.

Ideally children should take their medication before arriving at the Club. If this is not possible, children will be encouraged to take personal responsibility for their medication, if appropriate. If children carry their own medication (eg asthma inhalers), the Club staff will offer to keep the medication safe until it is required. Inhalers must be labelled with the child's name.

Prescription medication

Zap Kids Club staff will normally only administer medication that has been prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist. If a medicine contains aspirin we can only administer it if it has been prescribed by a doctor. All prescription medication provided must have the prescription sticker attached which includes the child's name, the date, the type of medicine and the dosage.

Non-prescription medication

If a child requires a non-prescription medication to be administered, we will consider this on a case by case basis after careful discussion with the parent or carer. We reserve the right to refuse to administer non prescription medication. Non-prescription medicine does not require a GP prescription before Zap Kids Club can administer.

Procedure for administering medication

A designated staff member will be responsible for administering medication or for witnessing self-administration by the child. The designated person will record receipt of the medication on an individual **Administering Medication Log**, they will check that the medication is properly labelled, and will ensure that it is stored securely during the session.

Before any medication is given, the designated person will:

- Check that the Club has received written consent
- Take steps to check when the last dosage was given
- Ask another member of staff to witness that the correct dosage is given.

When the medication has been administered, the designated person must:

- Record all relevant details on the **Administering Medication Log** form
- Ask the child's parent or carer to sign the form to acknowledge that the medication has been given in accordance with their pre-given instructions.

If a child refuses to take their medication, staff will not force them to do so. The manager and the child's parent or carer will be notified, and the incident recorded on the **Record of Medication Given**.

A duplicate copy of the administering medication log will be provided to the parent for their reference, the original copy will be transferred to the setting's formal administering medication formal record log. This data may be kept up to 3 years.

Specialist training

Certain medications require specialist training before use, eg Epi Pens or Buccal Midazolam. If a child requires such medication the manager will arrange appropriate training as soon as possible. It may be necessary to absent the child until such training has been undertaken. Where specialist training is required, only appropriately trained staff may administer the medication.

Changes to medication

A child's parent or carer must complete a new **Administer Medication** form if there are any changes to a child's medication (including change of dosage or frequency) and the **Medication Log** must be updated

Long term conditions

If a child suffers from a long term medical condition the Club will ask the child's parents to provide a care plan from their doctor or other healthcare professional, to clarify exactly what the symptoms and treatment are so that the Club has a clear statement of the child's medical requirements.

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